

REMARKS

The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Action.

Claims 2-52 are pending in this application and submitted for consideration. By this amendment, claims 18, 35 and 52 have been amended to more specifically set forth the present application. No new matter has been introduced.

Claim Rejection

Claims 2-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ginter et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,892,900, hereinafter "*Ginter*").

This rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the reasons set forth below.

The present application as now set forth in claims 18, 35 and 52 from which other pending claims depend requires, *inter alia*, that data relating to a transaction and attribute has a format defining a boundary in accordance with an attribute for the transaction and that the scope of data is used for the transaction. Accordingly, the present application requires using the "format" of "data relating to a transaction and attribute" to indicate a boundary. Such "attribute" not only defines the "attribute of the data relating to the transaction", but also defines the "boundary" by its format.

Additionally, the present application as now set forth in claim 52 further requires that the "transaction management means performs processing relating to the transaction on the basis of the boundary of the data package every time the data package is received by said data utilization means" (emphasis added). Since the "data relating to a transaction" can be referenced to content materials, the utilization means specifically requires contents when the data package is received.

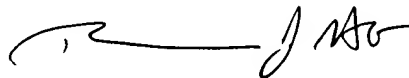
It is respectfully submitted that the above-discussed features of the claimed invention are neither disclosed nor taught by **Ginter**. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 2-52 are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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